



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

December 5, 2000

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RE: MUR 4962 and MUR 4963
Cable Network News (CNN)

Dear Ms. Bonfiglio:

On January 27, 2000, the Federal Election Commission notified your client, Cable Network News, of two complaints alleging violations of a section of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended.

On November 28, 2000, the Commission found, on the basis of the information in the complaints and information provided on behalf of your client, that there is no reason to believe in MUR 4962 and MUR 4963 that Cable Network News violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b. Accordingly, the Commission closed its files in these matters. A copy of the First General Counsel's Report which covered both matters is enclosed for your information. Statements of Reasons will be filed by two Commissioners at a later date.

The confidentiality provisions at 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12) no longer apply and these matters are now public. In addition, although the complete files must be placed on the public record within 30 days, this could occur at any time following certification of the Commission's votes. If you wish to submit any factual or legal materials to appear on the public record, please do so as soon as possible. While the files may be placed on the public record before receiving your additional materials, any permissible submissions will be added to the public record upon receipt.

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If you have any questions, please contact Anne A. Weissenborn, the senior attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure
First General Counsel's Report

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